## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION, and

ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION, STATE OF ALASKA, ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION, CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONER OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT, COLORADO SECURITIES COMMISSIONER, STATE OF DELAWARE, STATE OF FLORIDA, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF FLORIDA, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION, OFFICE OF THE GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF HAWAII, SECURITES ENFORCEMENT BRANCH, IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, INDIANA SECURITIES COMMISSIONER, IOWA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS M. OMMEN, OFFICE OF THE KANSAS SECURITIES COMMISSIONER, KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, MAIN SECURITIES ADMINISTRATOR, STATE OF MARYLAND EX REL MARYLAND SECURITIES COMMISSIONER, ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN, MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE, NEBRAKA DEPARTMENT OF BANKING & FINANCE, OFFICE OF THE NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, NEW MEXICO SECURITIES DIVISION, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY LETITIA JAMES, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF SECURITIES, SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF STATE, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & REGULATION, DIVISION OF INSURANCE, COMMISSIONER OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE, STATE OF TEXAS, WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF

MISC. ACTION NO.

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, WEST VIRGINIA

SECURITIES COMMISSION, AND STATE OF
WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

V.

TMTE, INC. a/k/a METALS.COM, CHASE
METALS, INC., CHASE METALS, LLC, BARRICK
CAPITAL, INC., LUCAS THOMAS ERB a/k/a
LUCAS ASHER a/k/a LUKE ASHER, and SIMON
BATASHVILI,

Defendants,

and

TOWER EQUITY, LLC,
Relief Defendant.

## **NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER**

Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 754, Kelly Crawford provides notice of his appointment as Temporary Receiver for TMTE, Inc. a/k/a Metals.com, Chase Metals, Inc., Chase Metals, LLC, Barrick Capital, Inc., Lucas Thomas Erb a/k/a Lucas Asher a/k/a Luke Asher, Simon Batashvili (collectively, "Defendants"), Tower Equity, LLC ("Relief Defendant"), and the affiliates or subsidiaries owned or controlled by Defendants or Relief Defendant. True and correct copies of the *Complaint* filed by the Plaintiffs, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, et al.; and the *Order Granting Plaintiffs' Emergency Ex Parte Motion for Statutory Restraining Order, Appointment of Receiver, and Other Equitable Relief* are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and **Exhibit B** respectively.

September 28, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ KellyM. Crawford

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